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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: LEADER GRANTEE IMAM MUSA AS SADR

REF: STATE 95785

1. WE HAVE NOT RPT NOT FOUND THAT AMBASSADOR GODLEY'S DISCUSSION WITH IRANIAN AMBASSADOR GHADAR (BEIRUT 4023) ON THE MATTER OF IMAM MUSA AS SADR HAS MOLLIFIED THE PEOPLE HERE WHO RAISED THE QUESTION WITH US IN THE FIRST PLACE. IN ADDITION TO COMMENTS THAT WERE MADE TO US AS REPORTED IN TEHRAN 2616, WE ARE NOW TOLD OF DEEP IRANIAN SUSPICIONS THAT SADR WAS SOMEHOW INVOLVED IN BAKHTIAR PLOTTING TO ASSASSINATE THE SHAH. THEY REGARD SADR AS A RANK OPPORTUNIST UNWORTHY OF FAVORABLE ATTENTION FROM ANYBODY AND EXPRESSED DISBELIEF THAT WE COULD BE TAKEN IN BY HIM.

2. WHILE WE DOUBT THAT THE GOI WOULD CHOOSE TO MAKE IT A MAJOR ISSUE WITH US IF WE WERE TO SPONSOR SADR'S VISIT TO THE U.S. UNDER OUR LEADER PROGRAM, IT IS CLEAR THAT THEY WOULD BE CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN PLEASED ABOUT IT. THE DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE TO JUDGE WHETHER THE REQUIREMENTS OF OUR GIVING A LEADER GRANT TO SADR OUTWEIGHT IRANIAN DISPLEASURE, BUT IT SHOULD BE IN NO DOUBT THAT THE SHAH'S DISPLEASURE WILL BE INCURRED IF WE DECIDE TO PROCEED WITH PLANS FOR
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